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GROUP 1624  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hirokazu KUBOTA, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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included in the rejection of claims in the outstanding Office Action as they are clearly supported in the priority document.

In view of the amendment of the claims, such that the subject matter recited therein is fully supported by the priority document, Betageri et al. is not legally effective prior art against the claims of this application. Thus, Betageri et al. may not serve as a basis from which to reject the amended claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding prior art rejections in this application.

**V. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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